

PLANNED TO DIE TOGETHER.

A GERMAN SHOOTS HIS SWEETHEART

Pistol shots and the flash of powder about 10 o'clock last evening startled Park Policeman William Dugan as he paced the drive near the gate at Fifth avenue and Seventy-second street. It was already dark, and wayfarers, like the riders on the road, had almost all disappeared from that part of the park. The shots came from the centre of the grass plot behind the big bronze statue of George Washington, and, fast from it,

the pilgrim, about twenty-five feet from it, and fifty feet from the drive on the east side of the meadow. The three shots came close together, and were followed by a fourth, which sounded while Dugan was hurrying toward the spot. He found two forms stretched upon the grass, a woman, dead, and a man who died as he looked. They had apparently been sitting together there on a coarse black and bronze plush leather. One pistol, a .52-calibre buldog six-shooter, lay so that it showed that the man had shot the woman and then shot himself.

the couples were Germans or took the respectable appearance, and traces of an effort at holiday making bedecked what was evidently their Sunday attire. The woman's black silk dress was trimmed with black velvet, her beaded necktie was black, her money bag slipped from the belt which she wore, and her left hand was squeezed into a black kid glove. Her neat black straw hat was high and rounded, as of recent purchase, and an amber-colored brooch was pinned to the top of her white shirt. She seemed like an industrious German servant, long enough in this country to have acquired the manners and earned the means of making a very good appearance. But in the way of dress she was not a German at all.

carefully dressed in his best—a black suit and black Derby hat. The card that he had taken in his hand appeared to be indicated by a buttonhole fastener that matched the woman's. His left hand was also gloved. Near the bodies was found a small paper collar box tied up and addressed: "To the Coroner of the city of New York."

It proved to be full of letters that furnished the key to the tragedy.

All the letters, with one exception, were evidently written by the man. The exception was a letter couched in a lady's handwriting, signed "My Father." There was no date or name of the town from which the letter was written. All the letters were in German, and

On the most loving, dear angel:
Oh, most living, thirteenth he flies to the brook and drinks.

Written after the idea of suicide had been
thought of. It said:

MY DEAR MARIA: Now yet one word, one earnest word,
to you, my heart! to determine our great question,
in precise manner, as will be shown to you in black and
white. After you have eased your mind answer this

Do not worry for me, for should our views differ there
always remains a "whether-or" to be found.
I shall not die, I shall not tremble! I do not hurry
in your decision, whatever results. Consider and act,
await everything with resignation. It is my duty to
be true to my wife.

The bodies were removed to the arsenal.
There Capt. Bently found among the papers a
recommendation of George Bessendorf as an ap-
prentice printer, and a copy of an applica-

At the Morgue, where the clothes were taken from the man, it was found that the woman had evidently opened her clothing and bared her breast to be shot. The skin was blackened and burned by powder marks, but the clothing only marked with blood. Two bullet wounds were visible in the right, though the bones and one in the right, though both were so near the median line that they were close together. The body of the man also was marked by two bullet wounds. They were about an inch apart, both being close to the chest. The pistol at the last firing was held close to the

The Cuban Mail Service.

The following petition, signed by Moses Taylor & Co., Mailland Phelps, F. O. Mattiesen & Welch, Eugene Kelly & Co., D. de Castro & Co., José Menéndez & Bro., and fifty others interested in the Cuban mail trade, was forwarded yesterday to the President:

The undersigned, who are persons and others interested in the Cuban and West Indian trade respectfully call your attention to the inadequate system now in use for the conveyance of mail from the United States to the West Indies. The present system is not only slow but is also used for carrying mail from Key West to Havana by way of the Gulf of Mexico. The undersigned have sought in vain schooners and fishing boats, making use of the Government's private facilities, as offered by steamship companies.

Just in Time to Get His Child.
Gottlieb Ait, a young German of Wilkesbarre, Pa., arrived in Hoboken yesterday in search of his later-born child, Gretchen Schneider, who he said had kidnapped his two-year-old son, Ait, at the Hamburg steamship wharf. He and a policeman saw the woman with the child in her arms on the deck of a steamship which was just about to sail. The policeman arrested her, but the station Ait refused to make a charge against her. He took the child and his later-born son ran out of the station to try to catch the steamship.

Contributions to the Grant Memorial Fund:
R. Colgate & Co., \$25; Scott Harris of Owego,
\$1; D. H. Bloodgood, \$1; George Stratton, 50 cents; Geo.
B. F. Smith, \$1; M. A. Hyde, 75 cents; A. S. Lawrence,
50 cents; W. D. Lawrence, 50 cents; Thos. Post, \$1.
It has been suggested to the committee that each
contribution box be set up at every polling place
in the State on election day.

Mr. Metcun of the Sixth Precinct,
The Tammany Hall Committee on Organization

met in the Fourteenth street wigwag last night. Hugh J. Grant presided. Edward McGuire of the High Assembly district protested against the recognition of the Bullitt ticket, which he said, was sprung upon him at the primaries. The majority of the voters who cast their ballots were not residents of the district. The committee took no action.

William Page's Funeral.

The funeral services over William Page, the artist, took place yesterday in the church in the Moravian Cemetery, near New Dorp, Staten Island. The Rev. Edward of the Swedenborgian church in New York, made a brief address.

The Weather Yesterday.

Indicated by Huidant's thermometer: 3 A. M. 59°; 5 A. M. 61°; 7 A. M. 68°; 12 M. 63°; 3 P. M. 73°; 5 P. M. 71°; 7 P. M. 68°; 12 midnight, 67°. Average, 68°. Variance on Oct. 3, 1884, 58°.

Signal Office Prediction.
Cooler, fair weather.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The Hon. J. W. Foster, Minister to Spain, arrived on his transatlantic yesterday.

Music on the Mall, Central Park, this afternoon at 3½ P. M. by Capt. S. Smith's Regiment band.

Fire did \$1,500 damage to George A. Schwede's feather factory at 74 West Houston after midnight.

The classes of the Art Students' League, at 90 West Fourth-street, will meet for organization on Monday.

The W. B. Irvine Association of the Twentieth Assembly district, is a banquet at 8-5 second avenue on Monday evening.

Judge Blaisdell of the United States Supreme Court is in the United States second circuit Court yesterday.

George Stokes, conclusion for Mr. Hank Davis, the actor, was found dead in 135th street on Sept. 16. At the inquest yesterday it was decided that he had died from a heart attack.

Augusta Chapin, a clerk in Bidley's, and living at 11 Richard street, was accused in Essex Market Police Court yesterday of stealing a pair of shoes. Bidley's superintendent of stocking 4-4 work in the suit's clothes. Chapin was held.

The Atlantic's Commission on Railroads heard today

The opening exercises of the Episcopal Mutual College will be held on Monday evening at 6 o'clock at the college building, 1 Livingston place. Past Fifteenth will deliver the address, the Rev. Dr. Hunt and others will deliver address.

The Huxton Society of America will give a reception and dinner at Belmont on an Oct. 22 to the delegates from the various churches in the North. Seats can be secured on that day to post the delegates to the hotel necessary on the evening of the visit of the guests.

The Episcopal Trust Company has bought the block of property between the River, Perry street and the Broadway, and will build a new building on the lot. The Mutual Life Insurance Company lent the money for the purchase of the purchase money, making a 5 per cent mortgage.